

REMARKS

After entry of the present amendment claims 1 through 14 will be pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 14 are amended.

Specification

The Applicant has amended the Abstract and paragraphs [0019] and [0021] to eliminate typographical errors.

Claims

As amended, claims 1, 8, and 14 define over the United States Patent No. 6,520,321 to Thurston et al. (the *Thurston Reference*) cited by the Examiner Christopher M. Koehler in the parent application serial number 10/773,028. The Applicant has amended claims 1, 8, and 14 to distinguish over the *Thurston Reference*. In particular, the conveyor taught by the *Thurston Reference* does not teach expressly or impliedly a plurality of modules and *workstations removably interconnected* with one another to form an assembly line with the workstations *dispersed between* the modules for assembling the tires to the wheels and a *continuous conveyor member* for moving the wheels and the tires along the assembly line and defining a closed loop resting upon the modules. Claims 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, and 12 have been amended to more clearly define the invention as originally claimed.

The Applicant believes the application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. Applicant believes that no additional fees are required,

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however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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